

Integration Opportunities for the Coastal NPS Program

**CWA - TMDLs, 319, NPDES
Other Agency Efforts**

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Outline

1. What have we discussed?
2. Where are we now?
 1. TMDLs
 2. 319 Connections
 3. Phase I and Phase II Issues
 4. NOAA Grants Guidance
3. Connections to other programs
4. What do you support?

What have We Discussed?

- **Need to articulate clear roles, responsibilities and messages for how all federal programs are working together**
- **How? Possible Outcomes:**
 - Factsheets
 - Rule language
 - New or Improved Guidance/Policy Documents
 - National Management Measures
- **EPA - Clear connections between programs**
 - TMDLs, 319, NPDES
- **NOAA – What's the niche for CZM?**
 - Marinas programs, OSDS, Capacity building
- **USDA, FWS, DOT**
 - What's the best way to re-engage?

TMDL/6217 Synergy Ideas

- **Program Nexus? The same shared goals - achieving water quality standards**
- **CZARA MMs technology-based; TMDLs WQ focused**
- **Implementation overlap? “Additional management measures” to meet standards equivalent to TMDL development and implementation to meet standards?**
- **CZARA’s enforceable policies and mechanisms help provide assurance of TMDL implementation**
- **How can we use grant dollars (e.g., 319) to demonstrate implementation of MMs for the purpose of satisfying TMDL requirements?**

319/6217 Synergy Ideas

- Connect the forthcoming “National Management Measures” to the existing 6217 program guidance
- Increase awareness of 319 \$100K to remedy conditions for conditionally approved coastal states
- Use 319 dollars to fund the evaluation of MMs
- Focus 319 dollars on 6217 implementation (in addition to TMDLs)
- 319 dollars could go to private entities / NGOs to perform effectiveness audits on BMPs. These evaluation/assessment projects would benefit all NPS programs (319, 6217, TMDLs, USDA, state efforts, etc.)
- Conduct a “Coordinators Conference” to facilitate better coordination between state 319/6217 staff

NPDES Connections

- See recent Policy Statements in your notebooks (Working Session #3)
- Phase II requirements to exempt multiple urban management measures
- Questions? Robert Goo

NOAA Grants Guidance

- **Directs states/territories to fund projects in one of three areas:**
 - OSDS
 - Clean / Green Marinas
 - Capacity Building
- **Carving out niches for all federal agencies may be a viable option**
- **Not enough funding to get everything implemented**

Other Program Connections?

- **USDA Programs**

- EQIP increases
- Other proposed program increases

- **DOT**

- TEA-21

- **Other agencies - FWS, FS**

What do you support?

- Joint (NOAA/EPA) policy document/guidance on how 6217 can specifically support TMDL implementation or vice versa
- Creation of factsheets to clarify 6217 connections to other programs (e.g., How NPDES municipal stormwater permits address urban management measures)
- Establishing clear connections with USDA programs – combine w/policies above to make clear how USDA efforts meet 6217 program requirements

Other Ideas?